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ORLANDO WOMAN SENTENCED FOR CREDIT UNION EMBEZZLEMENT

Orlando, FL - U.S. District Judge Patricia Fawsett today sentenced Sharon Ann Streit, age 51, to 46 months' imprisonment and 75 hours of community service for embezzling \$1,042,103.80 from Vista Federal Credit Union. In addition, Streit was ordered to make full restitution to the Credit Union.

Sharon Ann Streit pleaded guilty on June 16, 2003 to one count of embezzlement. According to the plea agreement, from December 1997 to March 23, 2000, Streit was the Manager of the Operations Department of the Vista Federal Credit Union ("Vista") in Orlando, Florida. Vista is the credit union for Walt Disney World ("WDW"). Between January 1998 and on or about March 1, 2000, Mrs. Streit embezzled money from Vista by processing fraudulent checks, fraudulently altering checks, and fraudulently issuing exchange checks. Although Mrs. Streit does not know the exact amount of money she embezzled from Vista, she does not dispute that the amount exceeds \$1,042,103.80.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anita Cream.

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